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GLOBAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

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1. On January 19, we conveyed reftel points and proposed text language to MFA UN Affairs Director General Ismat Jahan, who had no substantive response. We are also providing copies to relevant officials at the BDG's Ministry of Food and Disaster Management.

2. The annual summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation is expected to be held in Dhaka in early February. Its agenda includes proposals for regional disaster management. We will monitor and report relevant developments.

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